ORDER

ROAD AND AREA CLOSURE

WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area, roads, road segments, and trails described in this order within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, until further notice.

- 1) For the Health and Safety of the public, no persons are allowed on the sections of road listed in Appendix A of this order **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
- 2) Using a motor vehicle or over snow vehicle on the sections of roads listed in Appendix A of this order **36** CFR **261.54(a)**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Owners or lessees of land within the area.
- 4. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.
- 5. Persons engaged in road repair at the direction of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

APPENDIX A:

The following roads on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are closed to entry:

7700 - From approximately 1.25 miles SE of Tamarack Campground to approximately 1.7 miles NW its intersection of the 7745 (East Eagle Road).

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this __3___ day of December, 2010

_____/s/ Mary E. Farnsworth

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Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

JUSTIFICATION

These roads are being closed until further notice to entry due to significant damage caused by flooding and heavy rainfall. Soil saturation is high with falling trees happening. Bridges are being undermined and several roads have extensive failures.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN

The District will post closure notice signs on the effected road systems leading into the area and should be either blocked with barricades and or staffed by NF personnel to prevent the general public from inadvertently entering the area. Enforcement action will be taken by FPO's and Law Enforcement Officers. The enforcement action will be at the Officers' discretion and will follow standard Law Enforcement policy. The action will range from a verbal warning, written warning, or Notice of Violation.